

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the December 28, 2004 Office Action. Claims 1 to 10 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 2, and 7 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,795,082 (Shimada). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during the personal interview conducted on June 23, 2005. During that interview, the Examiner tentatively agreed that the amendments made herein would overcome the outstanding rejection.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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